

# The Tower Tragedy.

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## OR, AN A C C O U N T

*Of a Cruel Bloody and Inhumane Murther, Committed by Mr. Maugridge, (an Officer belonging to the Queen's Kettle-Drums) on the Body of Captain Cope, at the Old Main-Guard, within the Tower of London; as also the unhappy occasion thereof.*

*With his Examination before Justice Smith in Goodman's-Fields, and his Commitment last Night to Newgate.*

**C**aptain Cope, belonging to her Majesty's First Regiment of Foot-Guards, being upon Duty at the Old Main-Guard, in the Tower, on Munday last, being the Seventeenth instant; it unhappily fell out, that a young Lady of extraordinary Beauty, came about 6 of the Clock in the afternoon, to make him a visit, at which time one Mr. Maugridge, an Officer belonging to the Queen's Kettle-Drums being then in Company, there happen'd some high Words between him and the said Captain, relating to the Woman aforesaid, insomuch that at last the matter was so extreamly aggravated, that Maugridge drew his Sword, and without considering where he was assaulted the Captain in his own Guard-Room, contrary to the Law of Arms; and continu'd his unruly Passion in such a violent manner, that he Stabb'd him in several Places, and at last into the Lett Pap which prov'd fatal to the Captain, for he fell down dead in the Place, without speaking a Word. At which time the young Gentlewoman being affrighted came out trembling to the Soldiers, and told them their Captain was Mortally Wounded, who before knew nothing of the Quarrel, for the unlucky beginning, and dismal ending of their Difference, from first to last, did not exceed above half a quarter of an Hour.

The Soldiers no sooner heard of their Captain's Misfortune, but they rush'd into the Guard-Room upon the Murtherer, and carried him before the Lieutenant of the Tower, who ordered him to be had before a Justice of the Peace, and accordingly they carried him to Justice Smith in Goodman's-Fields, where he was Examin'd concerning the said Particulars; and not being able to deny the matter of Fact, his Worship caus'd him to be sent to Newgate, about 8 of the Clock, at which time he was convey'd thither, there to remain till the next approaching Sessions, in order to be Try'd, for that Rash, Violent and Barbarous Action.

As for the young Lady, while the Soldiers were busie in seizing of Mr. Maugridge, she slip'd out of the Tower, took another Hackney-Coach, and went quite off, without making any Apology for her sudden departure.

'Tis said Mr. Maugridge receiv'd a Wound in the Left Side of the Head by the Deceased, before he gave him his fatal Wound; and that there was great Provocation given on both sides, before any Swords were drawn; but that Captain Cope was a Gentleman that seldom was given to Passion, being a Person of a very moderate and peaceable Temper, he had very lately obtain'd his Commission, this being the first time he mounted the Guard at the Tower.